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SUBJECT: FONMIN'S REPRESENTATION ON "STATE DEPT LEAK"

REGARDING ROC-GP RELATIONS

1. GROC FONMIN SHEN CHANG-HUAN TODAY (OCT 24) SENT ME TEXT OF SEPENCER DAVIS' OCT 19 ASSOCIATED PRESS PIECE WHICH CLAIMS "US OFFICIALS SAID FLATLY UNITED STATES HAS NOT INTENTION" OF INVOLVING ITSELF IN EFFORTS TO DISSUADE GOP FROM RECOGNIZING PEKING, THUS TURNING DOWN AMBASSADOR SHEN'S REQUEST USG USE ITS INFLUENCE TO THAT END. (STORY HAD RUN EARLIER IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS BUT NOT, SO FAR AS WE AWARE, IN CHINESE LANGUAGE PAPER HERE.) FONMIN FOLLOWED UP WITH TELEPHONE CALL TO EXPRESS HIS STRONG DISPLEASURE AT BREACH OF DIPLOMATIC RULES WHICH THIS TORY REPRESENTS. HE WAS EVIDENTLY DISTURBED, ALBEIT FRIENDLY, AND MADE ALL OBVIOUS POINTS ABOUT DIFFICULTY OF CARRYING ON DISCOURSE WITH FRIENDS ON DELICATE SUBJECTS IF MATTERS DISCUSSED ARE THEN GIVEN TO PRESS. SHEN SAID, "WE ARE QUITE UNHAPPY AND IT IS VERY EMBARRASSING TO US," AND WENT ON TO NOTE THAT STORY HAD BEEN GIVEN EXTENSIVE PLAY IN PHILIPINES.

2. REQUEST DEPT PROVIDE ME ASAP WITH WHATEVER INFORMATION I
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CAN USE TO MITIGATE THIS SHARPLY CRITICAL REACTION. QUITE

OBVIOUSLY, SHEN SEES THIS AS A DELIBERATE LEAK ATTRIBUTABLE
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